CONSTANTIA LORD

A Briefe of ſome of the principall points of the Kings Maieſties late Charter to the Company of *Gold-beaters* of London, prohibiting the *Importation* of *Gold* and *Siluer Foliat*, and *Tynne* and *Copper* Foile into any of his Maieſties Dominions after the firſt day of Nouember next, vpon paine of forfeiture thereof, *&c.*

AND to the intent that the Company of Gold and Siluer Beaters may the better liue and be maintained by their Trade and Myſtery of beating Gold and Siluer into leafe: We doe therefore for Us our Heires and Succeſſors, Will, ordaine, prohibit, and forbid all and euery perſon and perſons whatſoeuer, of What eſtate condition or quality ſoeuer he or they be, That they or any of them ſhall not or doe not at any time or times after the firſt day of Nouember next comming, import, conuey, or bring or cauſe to be imported conuaied or brought, into this Our Realme of England, or Our Realme of Ireland, or Dominion of Wales, from any the partes beyond the Seaes, Any kind or ſort of any gold or ſiluer Foliat or leafe, or any Tin foyle or Copper Foile Whatſoeuer, to be vttered ſould, put to ſale, or vſed, Within any Our Realms or Dominions: vpon paine to loſe or forfeit the ſame, and to ſuſtaine impriſonment at the Will and pleaſure of Us our Heires and Succeſſors, and to bee further puniſhed according to Our Lawes for his or their contempt in that behalf: the one moity therof to be to Us our Heirs and Succeſſors, and the other moity thereof to bee to the Maſter and Wardens of the ſaid Company & their ſucceſſors, or ſuch other perſon or perſons as ſhall firſt ſeize and ſue for the ſame from time to time. And We doe hereby for Us our heires and ſucceſſors, Will and ordaine, and alſo ſtraighly charge and command, that no perſon or perſons Whatſoeuer, not being a member and Free-man of the ſaid Company, ſhall or may Within any part or place Within this our Realmes of England or Ireland or Dominion of Wales, practiſe, vſe, or exerciſe the Trade or Myſtery of beating Gold or Siluer into leafe, nor ſhall any Way erect, ſet vp, make ſtop, or mend any mould, engine, toole or material Whatſoeuer, for the beating or Working of Gold or Siluer into Foliat, vpon paine of the loſſe & forfeture to Us our heires & ſucceſſors of al ſuch Gold and Siluer Leafe, and tooles, as ſhal be ſo beaten, Wrought, made, or mended, contrary to the tenour of theſe preſents, and ſuch further puniſhment by impriſonment, or otherWiſe as ſhall or may by Our Lawes or prerogatiue Royally be inflicted vpon ſuch offenders for the contempt of this Our Royall pleaſure and commandement: The moity of all Which forfeitures to be leuied and taken for Us Our heires and ſucceſſors. And Whereas We haue prounded & taken order that al ſuch Gold and Siluer Foliat as ſhall be hereafter made by the Maſter and Wardens and Comnalty of the ſaid Company, ſhall be made and Wrought out of forraine Coyne and bullion onely, and not otherWiſe. We

doe by these presents of Our speciall Grace, certen knowledge, and meere motion, the better to enable the said Company in their said Trade, for Us our heires & successors giue & grant free licence and authority to all Artificers Tradesmen and other person & persons whatsoeuer, that it shall and may be lawfull to and for them, and euery of them from time to time, and at all times hereafter, to buy receiue haue and take of and from the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being, and of and from no other person or persons any quantity or quantities whatsoeuer, of gold or siluer foliat, by the said Company, made as aforesaid: and the same Gold & Siluer Foliat, or any part thereof, so by them or any of them bought, or had of or from the said Master and Wardens of the said Company, or any of them to worke, vse, or imploy, in or about any Buildings, Seelings, Wainscots, Bedsteeds, Chaires, Stooles, Coaches or any other Ornaments or Works whatsoeuer, at their Wil and pleasure, Our late Proclamation published the fourth day of February last past: or any inhibition, Clause, sentence, or other thing therein contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding, or any Statute, Constitution, Ordinance, restraint, or other thing heretofore had made executed or vsed to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And We doe hereby straightly charge and comunand all person and persons whatsoeuer, who haue or hereafter shall haue occasion to buy or vse the same Gold & Siluer Foliat, that they and euery of them, shall from time to time and at all times hereafter, buy and take all such Gold & Siluer Foliat, of and from the said Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being onely, and from the hands of no other person or persons whatsoeuer, the Master and Wardens selling the same at as moderate rates and prices as the same hath bin vented and sold for by the space of twenty yeeres last past, consideration being had to the raysing of Our standard, vpon paine of forfeiture of all such gold and siluer foliat, as hee or they shall otherwise buy or vse, and vpon paine of imprisonment, and incurring Our high indignation and displeasure in committing the contrary. And We doe hereby for Us Our heires and successors, further charge and command, all & singlar Justices of Peace, Maiors, Sherifes, Baylifes, Constables, and other officers of Us Our heires and successors, within this our Realme of England and Dominion of Wales, that they & euery of them bee from time to time aiding and assisting to the said Master, Wardens & Communalty, and their successors, for and in the execution as well of these Our Letters Patents, as of all and singular Grants, Ordinances, constitutions and Orders, hereafter by vertue of these presents, to be by them made, allowed, and approued of, according to the Lawes and Statutes of this Our Realme of England. Witnesse Our selfe at Westminster the eleuenth day of *October*, in the seuenteenth yeere of Our Raigne of *England*, *France*, and *Ireland*, and of *Scotland*, the three and Fiftieth.

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